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TO: OSD EYES ONLY SECRETARY WEINBERGER

SUBJECT: CHINA

1. (S) SECSTATE MET FOR ONE HOUR WITH YOUR COUNTERPART ZHANG AIPING  
THIS MORNING. [ ]

FOLLOW THIS UP IN MY DISCUSSIONS TOMORROW.

2. (S) IN A TWO AND ONE-HALF HOUR

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SESSION WITH PREMIER ZHAO ZIYANG SEC-  
STATE DELIVERED A LETTER FROM PRESIDENT REAGAN RE-INVITING ZHAO TO  
WASHINGTON. ZHAO REPLIED THAT HE WAS PLEASED, ACCEPTED THE INVITA-  
TION BUT INDICATED THAT THE DATE WAS NOT ABLE TO BE FIXED AS YET.

3. (S) ZHAO DESCRIBED THE PROBLEMS IN OUR RELATIONSHIP, I.E.,  
TAIWAN AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER AND THEN GAVE A LONG EXPOSITION OF  
SINO-SOVIET RELATIONS. HE DESCRIBED THE SOVIETS AS THE "ROOT CAUSE  
OF TENSION AND TROUBLE" IN THE WORLD. HE ALSO STATED THAT THE  
PRC HAS NOT AND NEVER WILL EQUATE THE U.S. WITH THE SOVIETS. HE  
ENDED WITH A DISCUSSION OF HIS RECENTLY CONCLUDED 11 NATION AFRICAN  
TRIP.

4. (S) DURING THE MORNING THE CHINESE DELIVERED A LOW-LEVEL PROTEST  
TO THE SECRETARY OVER THE "TEAM SPIRIT" EXERCISE. THIS WAS EVIDENTLY  
IN RESPONSE TO A "ROCKET" FROM PYONGYANG. SECSTATE RESPONDED THAT  
THE EXERCISE WAS SOLELY FOR TRAINING, ANNOUNCED BEFOREHAND, AND WELL  
AWAY FROM PROVOCATIVE AREAS. HE THEN CONTRASTED THIS WITH THE  
RECENT DPRK EXERCISES WHICH ARE HELD CLOSE TO THE DMZ.  
VERY RESPECTFULLY, RICH.  
DELIVER DURING WORKING HOURS.

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